

Draft of the Gambling Control Board Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2007
45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine

Meeting opened at 12:35 p.m.

Board members present: Chairman George McHale, Larry Hall, and Cushing Samp
Peter Danton absent. One vacancy exists on the Board.

Staff members present: Exec. Director Robert Welch, Det. Don Armstrong, Auditor Scott Woods and
Secretary Kathy Chamberlain.

Legal counsel: Bill Stokes, Ass't Attorney General

- **Minutes from August 8, 2007 meeting:**

Motion to accept: Cushing Samp motioned, with the exception of one change in the first Executive Session, should show that she voted against it, did not abstain. Changes will be made on permanent copy.

Seconded: Larry Hall

Vote: 4-0

- **Executive Director's Report – Robert Welch**

- A. Aristocrat and NRT License Renewals were completed for September.
- B. Community Impact Study – Mr. Welch made several inquiries to different agencies. Eastern Maine Development Corporation was suggested. Mr. Welch has attempted several calls to them after making initial contact, but no response yet.
- C. Office on Substance Abuse: Their contract is finally in place. Trained counselors can now be reimbursed for services provided to folks who have had counseling sessions for addiction to gambling.
- D. Filing of Agenda Rule – One item will be submitted to Legislature having to do with the definition of “net” in terms of slot proceeds.

- **Financial Update – Scott Woods**

No financial problems. Payments are coming in and going out very well. Mr. Hall requested that Scott send a copy of his weekly financial report to the Heads of Legislative Committees, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate etc. Mr. Woods will work on that with Exec. Dir Welch.

- **State Police Activity Update – Det. Don Armstrong**

30 applications have been received and processed since the August 8th Board meeting.

- **Other Business**

Continuing discussion on the Moratorium

Motion: Mr. Hall motioned to extend the Moratorium for another year, at which time it would be studied again.

Seconded: George McHale

Vote: 2-1

- **New Business**

None

- **Public Comments**

Jon Johnson, general manager of Hollywood Slots reported that currently the slot revenue is 70.7 million, with 3.6 million in taxes paid out. Construction of the permanent facility is coming along well. They hope to be totally enclosed by the end of November. The Gaming portion and Garage will be open early July 2008, with the hotel completed after that. The name of the hotel will be Hollywood Slots Hotel & Raceway. The merger or buyout of Penn National is supposed to be completed by June 2008. Applications from the key executives of the two companies: Fortress Investment Group LLC and Centerbridge Partners, LP have been submitted to the Maine Gambling Control Board.

- **Next meeting date – October 24, 2007**

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chamberlain
Secretary